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Remarks/Arguments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, allowed Claim 29 will be pending in this patent application. Claim 29 has been amended for editorial purposes. Claims 1 to 28 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 15 to 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,880,128 to Doll et al. ("Doll") in view of Sarantakis et al., Tetrahedron Letters, 38(42):7325-7328 (1997) ("Sarantakis") and further in view of Greene et al., Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, 3rd Ed. (1999) ("Greene"). Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection, claims 15 to 21 have been canceled, without prejudice, for the sole purpose of advancing prosecution of this patent application. Accordingly, Applicants submit respectfully that the rejection is moot. Applicants reserve the right to present the subject matter of claims 15 to 21 in a later-filed continuation application.

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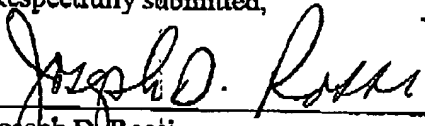
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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Action mailed on October 19, 2005 and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (908) 231-3410.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required and any additional fees that may be needed to Deposit Account No. 18-1982 in the name of Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc.

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